

# TOWN OF KEEDYSVILLE, MARYLAND

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*Ken Lord, Mayor*  
*Barry Levey, Assistant Mayor*  
*Gina Ellis, Council Member*  
*Judy Kerns, Council Member*  
*Matthew Hull, Council Member*

December 4, 2019

The monthly meeting of the Keedysville Town Council was called to order at 7:00pm with the following members present: Mayor Ken Lord, Assistant Mayor Barry Levey, Council Members Judy Kerns, Gina Ellis, and Matt Hull and Town Administrator Rick Bishop.

The minutes for November, 2019 were read and approved.

General Fund report was \$24,502.98

Mayor Lord thanked Gina & Eric Ellis for decorating the Christmas tree.

Mayor Lord thanked Judy Kerns for attending the recent MML meeting.

Mayor Lord noted the announcements listed on the agenda.

Due to the fact that the first Wednesday in January is New Year's Day, the Mayor & Council agreed to hold the January meeting on Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>.

Deputy Peyton gave an update on his activities in the Town for the past month. Due to the recent accident's, there was discussion about ideas to make Rt. 34 in the area of Bonnie's at the Red Byrd a safer area.

It was noted that the overlay on Taylor Drive and the speed hump and patching in Cannon Ridge has been completed.

Mayor Lord noted that the letter for Dian Thomson was being reviewed by the Town attorney.

Mayor Lord noted that the Town signs were being fabricated.

Mr. Bishop asked if it was okay to advertise a bid request for tree removal in the park. He noted that Eric Matson expressed interest in taking the wood. Mr. Hull asked if the owner of the Red Byrd property had been contacted. Mr. Bishop would contact him and place the ad.

Mr. Bishop gave the Mayor & Council a copy of an email thread between the Town attorney and Bud Gudmundson of Washington County GIS.

The one remaining pedestrian light the M&C voted to install in Stonecrest was discussed. The Mayor & Council asked to have Matt Powell emailed asking why it wasn't installed and to ask him to attend the next Mayor & Council meeting. Mr. Levey also asked about the status of the street light at the intersection of Dogstreet Road and Stonecrest Circle. Mr. Bishop would contact Potomac Edison to find out.

Mr. Hull asked if SHA had been notified about the damage to the front door of Town Hall, done during the construction of the Main St. project. Mr. Bishop said no, but he would contact them.

Mayor Lord asked about the displaying of the Keedysville Quilt. Dian Thomson said that testing of the humidity in Town Hall needs to be done.

Ms. Ellis asked how long the SHA contractor will be working during the winter months. Mr. Bishop said it depends on the weather.

Mr. Bishop said SHA asked whether or not the Town would allow the contractor to work the day before and after Christmas Day and New Year's day. The Council said no.

Ms. Thomson noted the difficulty turning from Antietam Drive on to So. Main St. due to the new curbs.

Ms. Kerns noted that Wayne Keefer inquired about the Community Center. Ms. Kerns told him that she didn't really have an update as no one other than Community Board members were allowed to attend the meetings.

Mr. Bishop asked for the Council to firm up plans for the lot at 15 So. Main St., as firm plans will be needed to apply for any grants. Mr. Levey asked for a plat of the property to be located. It was noted that the stream bank restoration should be completed before any upgrades to the property occur.

Mr. Bishop noted that banners will need to be purchased for the pedestrian lights. He also noted that a contractor will be needed to install the banners. Ms. Kerns asked if Hotel/Motel funds could be used to purchase banners. Mr. Bishop said he believed so. There also was a brief discussion about the locations and brightness of the lights.

Mr. Levey made a motion to reappoint Brian Smith, Gary Beachley and Ed Williams to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Ms. Kerns seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hull noted the variance request made by Victor Peeke for his property located at 6211 Coffman Farms Road. The BZA hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, December 18 at 7:00pm in Town Hall.

Mr. Levey made a motion to donate \$1000.00 to each of the Boonsboro fire and rescue squads. Mr. Ellis seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Ms. Ellis also asked for a note to be placed in the newsletter asking the residents to donate to the squads.

Mr. Bishop noted the request from the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area. The Council will take it up at a later date.

Mayor Lord said that he will be asking the contractor that installs the Town signs to add a panel at the bottom that could hold individual signs for various service organizations.

Mr. Hull noted the event light in the park that was out. He requested that four event lights in the park have the heads replaced with LED heads. He said it would cost \$400.00, each. Ms. Kerns made a motion to replace the lights. Ms. Ellis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hull asked Mr. Bishop to contact Hammaker Memorials to find out the status of the Gulf War Memorial.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.  
Submitted,  
Richard Bishop  
Town Administrator